

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the spelling, etc., in several places. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The original paragraph on page 2, line 25, to page 3, line 6, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 2, line 25, to page 3, line 6, as amended:

For production of the packing according to the invention, rigid, semi-rigid and flexible materials known today for the production of packing, in the form of sheets, films, laminates or other layer materials in a thickness from a few mm to a few mm, preferably 8 mm to 3 mm, can be used. Examples of film-like materials are metal foils such as [for example] [aluminium] aluminum foil. Other examples of film-like materials are paper, semi-cardboard and cardboard. Particularly important are plastic-containing films, e.g., those based on polyolefins such as polyethylenes or polypropylenes, polyamides, polyvinyl chloride, polyesters such as polyalkylene terephthalates and, in particular, polyethylene terephthalate. The plastic-containing films can be monofilms of plastics, laminates of two or more plastic films, laminates of metal and plastic films, laminates of paper and plastic films or laminates of paper and metal and plastic films. The individual layers of the film-like materials can be attached to each other by means of adhesives, pastes, adhesive promotion agents and/or by extrusion coating, [co-extrusion] coextrusion or laminating, etc. Suitable plastic films are, for example, non-oriented or axially or biaxially oriented monofilms or

laminates of two or more non-oriented or axially or biaxially oriented films of plastics based on polyolefins such as polyethylenes or polypropylenes, polyamides, polyvinyl chloride, polyesters such as polyalkylene terephthalates and, in particular, polyethylene terephthalate, cyclo-olefin-copolymers (CO) and polychloro-trifluoroethylene (PCTFE, trademark ACLAR).

The original paragraph on page 3, lines 8 to 16, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 3, lines 8 to 16, as amended:

Particularly suitable for the base parts of blister packs are transparent plastics with good [moulding] molding properties such as polyethylene, polypropylene, cyclo-olefin-copolymers (COC), polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate, polyamide and laminates made from the same materials, e.g., PVC and polychloro-trifluoroethylene (PCTFE) or PVC and PVDC (polyvinylchloride). For non-transparent blister packs, for example, laminates are used of an [aluminium] aluminum film coated on both sides with a plastic film with, for example, the structure [polyamide/aluminium/PVC] polyamide/aluminum/PVC or pigmented plastic films. The cover film is usually an [aluminium] aluminum film of, for example, a thickness of 20 mm [which] that can be painted and/or coated with a hot seat lacquer.

The original paragraph on page 3, lines 18 to 24, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 3, lines 18 to 24, as amended:

All of the above film-like materials such as paper, semi-cardboard, cardboard and plastic films in the form of monofilms, laminates, etc., can have at least one further continuous layer of ceramic materials sputtered or deposited from a vacuum in a thickness of approximately 5 to 500 nm (nanometers), for example, Al_2O_3 or SiO_x , where x is a [Figure] number between 1.5 and 2. These layers of ceramic materials have barrier properties and prevent the diffusion of gases and water [vapours] vapors through the packing.

The original paragraph on page 4, lines 9 to 16, has been replaced with the following rewritten version of the paragraph on page 4, lines 9 to 16, as amended:

An outer pack 10 shown in Figs. 1 to 4, [of] for example, has cardboard for a blister pack 12 of essentially strip-like structure, and has a base part 14 and a cover part 16. The blister pack 12 - in the example shown as a single portion pack for a tablet 18 - has a base part 20 of, for example, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) with a cup 22 [moulded] molded from this to hold the tablet 18, and a cover film 24 of, for example, [aluminium] aluminum sealed or glued to a base part 20. The base part 20 of the blister pack 12 in the area of the cup 22 forms a peripheral shoulder 26 with a diameter s and is connected as one piece with a spring strip 28.